

INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY

Exchange of notes at Washington January 16, 1942

Entered into force January 16, 1942

*Amended by agreement of January 13 and 17, 1951*¹

56 Stat. 1840; Executive Agreement Series 293

*The Costa Rican Minister of Public Works and Agriculture
to the Secretary of State*

LEGACIÓN DE COSTA RICA
EN WASHINGTON

JANUARY 16, 1942

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

In accordance with the provisions of Public Law 375 of December 26, 1941² which provides for the cooperation of the United States with the Central American republics in the construction of the Inter-American Highway, I hereby, fully authorized by my Government, beg to make formal request to participate in the cooperative plan of said construction.

In this connection I wish on behalf of my Government to offer the assurances required by the Law that, with a view to receiving the cooperation envisaged in the Law, it has made commitments to assume at least one-third of the expenditures to be incurred henceforth by it and by the United States in the survey and construction of the Highway within the borders of Costa Rica. To this end it has already concluded arrangements with the Export-Import Bank of Washington by which it has received a credit now amounting to \$2,200,000 which, under its contract with the Bank, may not be expended, without the Bank's assent, for any purpose other than the construction of the Inter-American Highway. In addition, my Government owns road building equipment valued at several hundred thousand dollars which is being made available for the construction of the Inter-American Highway and which will substantially increase the contribution of my Government to the construction of the Highway.

I trust that these facts will constitute ample assurance that my Government has made the commitments envisaged in the law to assume at least one-third of the expenditures which are proposed to be incurred henceforth

¹ 2 UST 1844; TIAS 2319.

² 55 Stat. 860.

by Costa Rica and by the United States in the completion of the survey and construction of the Inter-American Highway in Costa Rica in accordance with present proposals.

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith the proper credentials.

With my highest regard, I beg to remain, my dear Mr. Secretary,

Very sincerely yours,

ALFREDO VOLIO

*Secretario de Fomento y Agricultura
de Costa Rica*

Hon. CORDELL HULL

Secretary of State

Washington, D. C.

*The Secretary of State to the Costa Rican Minister of Public Works
and Agriculture*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

Jan 16 1942

MY DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your kind note of January 16, 1942, in which, duly authorized by your Government, you request the cooperation of the Government of the United States in the construction of the Inter-American Highway in Costa Rica, and in which you offer the assurances required by Public Law 375 of December 26, 1941 in connection with such cooperation.

I take pleasure in informing you that the assurances which you offer are satisfactory to this Government. It is consequently the intention of this Government to extend to the Costa Rican Government the cooperation envisaged in the Law, subject to the appropriation of the necessary funds by the Congress of the United States and to the receipt of the necessary assurances from the other Republics mentioned in the Law.

You are, of course, aware that by the terms of the Law the survey and construction work it authorizes shall be under the administration of the Public Roads Administration, Federal Works Agency. It is understood that you are now making a subsidiary agreement with the Administration to carry out this provision of the Law.

I wish to thank you for your courtesy in forwarding your credentials to me.

I am, my dear Mr. Minister,

Sincerely yours,

CORDELL HULL

His Excellency

ALFREDO VOLIO,

*Minister of Public Works
and Agriculture of
Costa Rica.*